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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Powell:

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission is currently reviewing the regulations governing broadcast media ownership. I am concerned that the Commission has scheduled only one public hearing regarding those regulations.

Reportedly, over 15,000 public comments have been filed in this proceeding. That demonstrated public interest in this review warrants more than one public hearing, which will allow you and your colleagues to develop a complete record of the effects of the current policies on the communications market. Therefore, I urge the FCC to postpone issuing new broadcast ownership rules until the Commission has held a series of public hearings across the country.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mark Dayton
United States Senator

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